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DOT&PF advises Southcentral motorists of hazardous road conditions

(JUNEAU, Alaska) – Officials at the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities are advising motorists in Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna area to use extreme caution or remain off roads entirely due to very hazardous, weather-related road conditions.

Although air temperatures have become warmer, the pavement on many Southcentral Alaska roads remains below freezing, causing precipitation to freeze quickly on the surfaces.

“To help lessen the severity of the road conditions, we have our maintenance and operations crews using all nine Anchorage-based sanders on the roads and all of our Mat-Su sanders are out in force as well,” said Commissioner Leo von Scheben. “With almost 1,500 lanes miles in the Anchorage area, it’s going to take some time to pass over every road.

In some areas, the rain is heavy at time and it’s washing much of the sand off the road surfaces.

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